



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Air Quality Improvement Day Proclamation

MEETING DATE: May 7, 2003

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council present a proclamation proclaiming Wednesday, May 21, 2003, as Air Quality Improvement Day in the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The San Joaquin Valley is currently in non-attainment for air quality. The air quality in the Valley has continued to degrade over the past ten years and has been classified as "Severe" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. May is "Clean Air Month" in California. The City of Lodi has embraced alternative fuel technology and has added alternatively-fueled vehicles to the City Fleet.

Twenty of the twenty-five vehicles in the City's Transit Fleet (80%) are alternatively fueled, utilizing Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). The Public Works Department, as well as Electric Utility, Hutchins Street Square, Parks and Recreation, Police, and Finance Departments, have purchased and/or leased either CNG or electric vehicles.

The City of Lodi is working cooperatively with the Lodi Unified School District to add CNG-powered buses to their bus fleet, as well as partnering with them on other CNG projects.

On May 21, 2003, the City of Lodi will officially open its Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station at the Municipal Service Center.

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